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PLO Rebels Start Drive On Arafat At Tripoli

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TRIPOLI, Lebanon — Dissident Palestinians launched an offensive Tuesday against supporters of Yasser Arafat, breaking into parts of the loyalist-held refugee camp at Badawi near Tripoli and inflicting heavy casualties on the defenders.

State-run Beirut radio said they captured a security headquarters inside the camp, apparently a building on the perimeter used by the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman's own special forces. It said Badawi was expected to fall within hours to an armored column advancing from the north.

Syrian and dissident artillery units fired heavy-caliber shells from the south, it added. About 75 loyalist guerrillas were evacuated from the camp for treatment at a field hospital in Tripoli, while in the city itself at least 10 persons were killed and 25 wounded by shell and rocket fire, Lebanese security sources said.

The attack began shortly after 7 A.M. with the Syrians and the dissidents, who broke with Mr. Arafat six months ago, laying down an artillery barrage to cover the advance, the security sources said. The loyalists were heavily outgunned.

The pro-Arafat press agency WAPFA said shells fell at the rate of 30 a minute as the rebels, backed by Syrian tanks, moved in from three directions. Loyalists based close to Tripoli's port responded with shots of Soviet-made rockets against dissident positions in the surrounding hills.

Shells fell in the city sporadically throughout the morning although the main force of the offensive was clearly directed at Badawi, Mr. Arafat's last military camp in Lebanon.

Each side accused the other of starting the fighting, which appeared to mark the end of a cease-fire arranged through mediation by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar.

Meanwhile, in Tel Aviv, military (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)



An elderly protester, carrying a cross bearing the names Hiroshima and Nagasaki, was led away by police Tuesday during a demonstration protesting the arrival of U.S. cruise missiles at England's Greenham Common air base. The base was blockaded by protesters after the arrival Monday of the missiles, to be stationed next month in Western Europe.

U.K. Defense Aide Sprayed With Paint As Missile Protests, Arrests Continue

By Peter Osnes
Washington Post Service
LONDON — Britain's defense secretary, Michael Heseltine, was sprayed with paint and manhandled by anti-nuclear protesters at a meeting with university students Tuesday, while scores of women demonstrators were arrested at the Greenham Common air base as preparations for deployment of U.S. cruise missiles went ahead.

Mr. Heseltine's face and hair were covered with red paint and he was prevented for 50 minutes from reaching a hall at Manchester University, according to the Press Association, a domestic news agency. About 200 protesters were responsible, Mr. Heseltine was quoted as telling them. "I am a representative

of a government that was elected by the British people. You will not stop us or silence us with the rule of the mob."

At Greenham Common, about 100 women were arrested Tuesday after staging protests, including blocking access to the Royal Air Force base, and chaining themselves to fences. Hundreds of police officers, some on horseback and others using guard dogs, attempted unsuccessfully to prevent trouble.

Police said 141 women had been arrested at Greenham Common since the first cruise missiles arrived Monday. The women were charged with obstruction and were released on bail. Two hundred chanting demonstrators at the main gate of the House of Commons in London were arrested Tuesday night and were in to be charged with obstruction.

The latest arrests brought to nearly 400 the total number of arrests since the missiles arrived. The figure includes 38 protesters arrested in London on Monday and three who climbed a radio tower Tuesday at Faslane base in Scotland, where Britain's Polaris nuclear submarines dock.

The missiles' arrival at Greenham Common follows a prolonged controversy over whether the medium-range nuclear weapons should be stationed in Britain. Caught off guard, the women protesters and other anti-nuclear activists vowed to step up their efforts.

Angry shouts filled the air outside the House of Commons Tuesday (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Turkish Cypriots, in a Surprise, Declare Independent Republic

Move Assailed In Greece, U.S. And Britain

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
NICOSIA — Turkish Cypriots declared their sector of the divided Mediterranean island independent on Tuesday, stunning residents of the Greek-dominated part of the island and drawing widespread international condemnation.

The action followed a unanimous vote for independence by the Turkish Cypriot assembly, which decided to name its part of the island the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

The reason for the timing of the vote was not clear. Talks on the island's future, held under United Nations auspices, were broken off in May. But in August, Turkish Cypriot leaders said they wanted to resume the talks.

In Greece, Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu met in emergency session with his armed forces commanders after the announcement from Nicosia.

Turkey said the announcement took it by surprise. But later in the day Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen said Turkey would recognize the new state. Diplomats in Ankara said Turkey previously had cautioned the Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktaş, against declaring independence.

The action was expected to sharpen the conflict between Greece and Turkey over the future of the island.

Cyprus has been divided into Greek and Turkish sectors since 1975. Turkish troops invaded and occupied the northern part of the island on July 20, 1974, after a Greek Cypriot coup that toppled the government of the late Archbishop Makarios. But when the Turkish Cypriot Federated State was proclaimed on Feb. 13, 1975, its new president, Mr. Denktaş, said he would not seek international recognition of the entity.

Syros Kyprianou, president of the Cyprus Republic, bitterly condemned Tuesday's declaration.



President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus addressed student protesters Tuesday in Nicosia after Turkish Cypriots declared an independent Turkish Republic of North Cyprus.

"The action taken by the illegal regime in the occupied area is condemned by everybody," he said. "Every effort must be made to neutralize and reverse it."

Britain, guarantor with Greece and Turkey of a 1960 treaty giving Cyprus independence from Britain, said it deplored the independence declaration and called for urgent talks with Athens and Ankara.

The independence declaration was also condemned by West Germany, the Netherlands, Austria and the United States.

Britain retains two sovereign military bases on Cyprus but said the Turkish Cypriot declaration would not lead in any British troop movements.

Sources on the Turkish-occupied side of the "green line" that divides Nicosia said Turkish troops and Turkish Cypriot border guards had been put in a state of alert.

But a government official on the Greek Cypriot side denied rumors that a state of emergency would be declared in the republic.

In New York, Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN secretary-general, expressed regret at Mr. Denktaş's announcement. Mr. Pérez de Cuellar, who in August had proposed a plan for settling the nation's problems, said Tuesday's announcement was contrary to UN Security Council resolutions on Cyprus.

Victor Gauci of Malta, president of the UN Security Council, said the council would meet briefly late Tuesday at the request of Cyprus and Britain and a formal meeting was likely Wednesday.

Greece said it was pressing its partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Community to declare their opposition to the move. Turkey is also a member of NATO.

The secretary-general of the Commonwealth, Sir Sridath Rampal, called on the 48 Commonwealth governments to denounce the independence declaration, which he called an "illegal and unilateral act."

Soon after the independence proclamation, Turkish Cypriot au-

thorities closed the only crossing point between the two sides, in Nicosia.

Foreign diplomats and UN officials were allowed by Turkish police to enter their sector but foreign tourists were turned back. It has been Turkish policy since the invasion in 1974 to keep Greek or Turkish Cypriots from crossing from one side to the other.

A Cypriot government spokesman, Andreas Christofides, said that although Turkish Cypriot leaders had been threatening to proclaim independence since May, when the UN General Assembly approved a Cypriot-backed resolution calling for the removal of all foreign troops from the island, the timing of the proclamation "came as a complete surprise."

Mr. Christofides said President Kyprianou spoke by telephone with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain and with Mr. Papandreu about the situation.

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President Reagan spoke outside the White House after returning from his tour in Asia. With him are Nancy Reagan and two South Korean children, Alvin and Lee, who were brought to the United States by the Reagans for medical treatment.

Domestic Politics Key to Reagan Tour

By Lou Cannon
Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan, returning to Washington from his visit to Japan and South Korea, brought with him two Asian children and a happy Republican Party camera crew loaded with videotape cameras of a performance they hope will be a hit during next year's presidential election campaign.

In the opinion of political aides, Mr. Reagan played the part of the front-line commander in chief perfectly as he toured the Demilitarized Zone of Korea in an army jacket, roused U.S. troops with an emotional speech and listened to an army chaplain praise him as the leader of the Free World.

At the forward U.S. position known as Guardpost Collier, where space was so limited that most reporters were left at a camp below, a camera crew employed by the Republican National Committee was given a choice position to record

Mr. Reagan peering through army field glasses at North Korean positions and a statue of the North Korean leader, Kim Il Sung.

It was the highlight of a day in which the president was portrayed as a democratic and reverent leader who ate in an army mess hall with

place, was reminiscent of one of those casts-of-thousands films where reporters, White House staff members and soldiers played the part of extras and wandered freely from set to set between scenes.

Two weeks earlier, the television networks were complaining because the U.S. military prevented them from televising the invasion of Grenada. They had no complaints Sunday, as the army provided a helicopter to airlift videotapes out in time to make the evening news back in the United States.

Reporters were provided a score of telephones on which they could dial directly to their home offices in the United States.

For those who missed it all on television over the weekend, highlights are likely to be available again and again during the 1984 election campaign, courtesy of the Republican National Committee. The film is expected to be par-

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U.S. Holdings Of Tactical A-Arms Listed

By Richard Halloran
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — In a confidential report to Congress, the Defense Department says the U.S. nuclear arsenal for medium-range, short-range and naval weapons includes 10,800 warheads and emphasizes bombs and missiles over artillery.

The report, which provides the first authoritative disclosure of the mix of weapons in the so-called theater and tactical arsenal, shows that 5,848 warheads are in Europe. Some are under U.S. control, and others are under joint control of the United States and the European nation where they are based.

The report, which is classified secret, shows the European stockpiles to hold about 150 warheads fewer than previously reported. The United States and West European allies have agreed to withdraw almost 2,000 warheads from those stockpiles over the next five years.

The arsenal in Western Europe is scheduled to be increased over the same period with the deployment of 572 Pershing-2 and ground-launched cruise missiles. The net loss to the stockpiles will thus be about 1,400 warheads.

By the decision by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to reduce the medium- and short-range nuclear stockpile in Europe, U.S. officials have said, was not related in negotiations with the Soviet Union intended to reduce the deployment of nuclear arms.

Even so, some of the warheads remaining in Europe may be subject in those negotiations. The aerial bombs and Lance missiles, for example, could become part of an arms reduction agreement. On the other hand, Pershing-1 missiles and the Nike-Hercules missiles will be withdrawn in any event.

The Pershing-1s are to be replaced, one for one, by the longer-range, more accurate Pershing-2s, which the Reagan administration has put on the bargaining table in seeking a reduction of Soviet SS-20 medium-range missiles aimed at Western Europe. The Nike-Hercules anti-aircraft missiles will be replaced by Patriot missiles with conventional warheads.

The medium-range and short-range nuclear warheads in the U.S. arsenal are in addition to about 9,200 warheads on strategic weapons comprising long-range bombers, submarines armed with ballistic missiles, and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

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West Germany Seizes U.S. Computer Ready for Shipment to Soviet Union

By Leslie Maidland Werner
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The West German authorities seized a highly sophisticated computer made in the United States minutes before it was to leave for the Soviet Union via Sweden, the Treasury Department has reported.

John M. Walker Jr., assistant secretary of the Treasury for enforcement and operations, said Monday the seizure was made on Friday "in the nick of time."

He said U.S. Customs officials stationed in West Germany had told the authorities there about the planned shipment after receiving word that the complex minicomputer, made by the Digital Equipment Corp., would be smuggled into the Soviet Union.

The Commerce Department has banned shipment of the computer to nations of the Eastern bloc to keep them from acquiring high-technology equipment that could be used for military purposes. The Soviet Union lacks the technology to manufacture this type of computer, U.S. officials said.

Joseph Nahl, a spokesman for the manufacturer, said the computer, a VAX 11-782, was a top-of-the-line system sold frequently in the United States and used primarily for structural analysis in the construction industry and in electro-mechanical design.

It can also be used "for missile guidance or something like that" and for "keeping track of troops and weapons," said William Green, deputy assistant commissioner of the Customs Service. It is sold to the U.S. military.

The computer had been shipped by a firm in New York State to an affiliated company in South Africa and from there to Hamburg, where it was seized, Mr. Walker said. He said the computer had been loaded aboard a freighter that was about to sail to Sweden when authorization came from a West German court to remove the computer from the ship.

West German customs agents had been waiting on the pier for hours for the authorization. At first, the courts had denied the U.S. government's request that the computer be seized. But an appeals court reversed this and granted the authorization seven minutes before the freighter was to sail.

The Treasury Department disclosed the seizure amid a battle between the Reagan administration and some House Democrats over the terms of a bill to renew the government's authority to control the export of goods and technology.

A House-passed bill, which is weaker than the administration would like, curtails funds for the Customs Service's export-control enforcement campaign. The bill would also stop the service's practice of randomly searching cargo at the borders for illegal exports, without having specific information that something is being smuggled.

Mr. Walker said he was "extremely critical" of the House bill, which he said would weaken enforcement at a time when obtaining the latest U.S. technology was "the highest priority for Soviet espionage."

He said, "With a creaking, failing Soviet economy with underdeveloped research capability, they are dependent on U.S. technology, particularly in defense applications."

Mr. Walker, who oversees the Customs Service for the Treasury Department, said the West German court had granted permission for the seizure last week after U.S. and West German officials found evidence to suggest that the information they received about the shipment was correct.

For one thing, he said, all trademarks and serial numbers had been obliterated, which would make it harder to trace and provided "strong evidence of criminal intent."

U.S. Officer, Aide Killed in Athens Attack

The Associated Press
ATHENS — Two gunmen shot and killed a U.S. naval officer and his Greek civilian driver as they sat in rush-hour traffic here Tuesday morning, police said.

Captain George Tsantes, 53, of New York, who was attached to the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group in Greece, was shot by two men on a motor scooter as he sat in his car at a traffic light, police said. His driver, Nikos Valoutsos, 62, died later of stomach wounds.

The scooter passenger fired at least seven shots with a .45-caliber Magnum through the closed window, a police official said. Captain Tsantes was hit at least four times.

"A bullet below the heart probably killed him instantly," said Haralambos Stamoulis, the local coroner. "He also was wounded in the shoulder and abdomen."

A Greek terrorist group calling itself November 17 claimed responsibility for the killings, a police spokesman said. The group, named after the date a student rebellion was quelled by Greece's military dictators in 1973, said in a telephone call to a newspaper that it would "explain the reasons for slaying Tsantes in a file to be sent to Greek newspapers."

At the time of the attack, Captain Tsantes was driving to his office at the U.S. Embassy in Athens from his home in the northern suburb of Kifissia, an embassy spokesman said. The assassins escaped.

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu telephoned U.S. Ambassador Manteague Stearns to express deep grief for the killing, "a government spokesman said."

In Washington, the State Department issued a statement calling the shooting "a cowardly and despicable act."

Captain Tsantes previously had served as an engineering officer aboard nuclear-powered surface ships.

It was the first shooting of a U.S. diplomat in Greece since Richard Welch, a CIA station chief, was killed by gunmen outside his home on Christmas Day in 1975.

The Tsantes shooting appeared to be the fourth politically motivated killing in the Greek capital in the past nine months.

A Greek newspaper publisher was shot down in his office in March. A senior official of the Palestine Liberation Organization was shot by gunmen on a motorbike in August. A Jordanian Embassy security guard was killed last week in central Athens by a gunman.

No arrests have been made in any of the killings.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

IMF Reportedly Will Delay Action On Loan Plan for Brazil Until Tuesday

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The International Monetary Fund has reportedly decided to delay action on a loan package for Brazil until next Tuesday, monetary sources said Tuesday.

The sources said the agency "needed more time" to consider the matter, although there had been concern that the \$6.5-billion loan package being assembled by commercial banks was still not sufficiently committed to allow the IMF action to proceed.

The IMF had been expected to approve a new loan program for Brazil this Friday, a move that would free up immediately about \$1.3 billion from the agency.

Toshiba Plans VTR Production in U.K.

TOKYO (Reuters) — Toshiba Corp. said Tuesday it will start producing videotape recorders in Britain in April at its subsidiary in Plymouth, England, Toshiba Consumer Products (U.K.) Ltd.

The company said it decided to make VTRs there at a monthly rate of 10,000 sets to meet growing demand in Europe.

The subsidiary will begin marketing VTRs in Britain and other European countries in May next year, Toshiba added. The plant now assembles color televisions and employs about 450 workers, but production of VTRs there will create 300 jobs.

Manila Said to Seek \$4.6-Billion Loans

MANILA (Reuters) — The Philippines is negotiating for about \$4.6 billion in loans to solve its current economic crisis, government officials said Tuesday.

Prime Minister Cesar Virata has said the economy needed at least \$4 billion to "restart" the economic process that has been at a standstill following the imposition last month of a 90-day moratorium on debt repayments.

Foreign Firms Win China Oil Contracts

BEIJING (Reuters) — The China National Offshore Oil Corp. said Tuesday it signed the sixth contract in the first round of bidding for offshore oil and gas exploration and development with U.S., Australian and Spanish groups.

Sun Orient Exploration Co., Pennzoil Far East Co., Ampol Exploration Co. Ltd. and Hispania de Petroleos SA contracted for two areas in the Beibu Gulf basin of the South China Sea, it said.

Sun Orient and Pennzoil Far East will each act as operators in one of the contract areas, the Chinese corporation said. The percentage interest of each of the companies was not immediately available, but as usual under the competitive bidding contracts, the foreign partner will provide all funding during the exploration phase.

British Aerospace Order Predicted

LONDON (Reuters) — British Aerospace is expected to announce Wednesday a major U.S. order for its new BA-146 jetliner even though formal signing has not yet taken place, industry sources said Tuesday.

A company spokesman confirmed that an announcement about a civil aircraft agreement is due late Wednesday but declined to give details. The BA-146, a 100-seat jetliner, was first demonstrated last year.

Denmark Alters State Oil Firm's Board

COPENHAGEN (UPI) — Denmark's conservative-led government has removed board members of the state oil company appointed by the previous Social Democratic government, the Energy Ministry said Tuesday.

A ministry communiqué said that the vacant directorships on the board of Dansk Olie & Naturgas will be filled with government supporters from the civil service.

The move follows disagreements between the state concern's managing director, Jens Christensen, and the energy minister, Knud Enggaard. Mr. Christensen is to be replaced by Holger Lavesen, the ministry said.

Israel Prices Up 21.1% in Month

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JERUSALEM — Israel said Tuesday that it had inflation of 21.1 percent in October alone, its highest for a single month.

Annual inflation, which has topped 100 percent for the past four years, was expected to reach 166 percent to 180 percent in 1983. The previous high was 13.3 percent in April.

Separately, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orlitz said that Israel would cut spending on the Jewish settlements in the West Bank as part of its new austerity plan.

Mr. Cohen-Orlitz, who took office amid a major economic crisis last month, made clear at a news conference he was reversing many of the policies of his predecessor, Yoram Aridor. (AP, Reuters)

World Bank Is Considering Using Financial Futures for the First Time

By David Stamp

Reuters

AMSTERDAM — The World Bank is considering using financial-futures markets for the first time to help stabilize its income, the bank's treasurer, Eugene Rotberg, said Tuesday.

Mr. Rotberg said in an interview that any use of the markets would be confined to U.S. dollar interest-rate contracts.

The World Bank's staff is making feasibility studies, he said. He would not estimate the extent of involvement or say when proposals would be submitted to the bank's board but said there could be developments before next July.

Mr. Rotberg's visit to the Netherlands was part of a European tour to explain World Bank plans

to raise \$750 million from central banks in one-year borrowing. The bank has announced plans to raise as much as \$500 million in floating-rate notes in the year ending next June 30.

Mr. Rotberg earlier had told a press conference that it was highly unlikely that the bank would raise more than 10 percent of its total debt in borrowings with maturities of one year or less.

Short-term debt is now about \$2 billion out of a total of \$42 billion, compared with \$1.5 billion and \$39.5 billion, respectively, last July 1, he said.

Mr. Rotberg estimated that the bank's debt would reach \$50 billion in the next two years. He said that it was highly unlikely that short-term borrowings would reach \$5

billion, but it was difficult to say how much less than this.

New borrowings so far this fiscal year total \$3.9 billion and the bank is well on its way to raising the planned \$10 billion, the same as in fiscal 1983, he said.

Borrowings in fiscal 1984 so far have cost 8.45 percent of the total amount, compared with 8.88 percent in the past fiscal year.

Mr. Rotberg said the bank may swap some of its floating-rate notes, to be issued in the United States, into fixed-rate funds in dollars or in other currencies.

However, he declined to estimate the extent of these exchanges into the less volatile medium- and long-term sectors, adding that this would depend on prevailing market conditions.

Boeing's Prospects Improve; Foes' Woes Increase

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tion, they fear, Boeing could easily dictate prices and terms for aircraft sales.

The need to win some orders from Boeing and to keep slumping commercial operations alive even prompted McDonnell Douglas to agree last year to lease 35 DC-9 Super 80s (now called the MD-80) to American and Trans World Airlines, in agreements that allowed the two carriers to put up little of their own money. The 140-seat MD-80 remains McDonnell Douglas's only commercial jetliner program.

Trying to prevent Boeing from achieving a virtual monopoly has been central goal for Airbus for much of its 13-year existence. In 1979, the government-subsidized consortium of French, West German, British and Spanish aerospace companies came close to overtaking Boeing in

sales of wide-body jets, with 120 announced orders for its A-300 and A-310 jetliners, compared with 127 for Boeing's 747 and 767.

But the worldwide slump in travel during the past three years — while affecting all aircraft orders — has particularly hurt sales of wide-body jetliners because their seating capacity exceeded many airlines' needs and because route systems require smaller jets to feed passengers from small cities into large ones.

As a result, McDonnell Douglas was unable to sell its MD-100, which it marketed as a modernized replacement for the DC-10. Similarly, Airbus this year has garnered orders for only six 210-seat A-310s and none for its 250-seat A-300.

Benefiting from strong sales for its 100-to-140-seat 737, however, Boeing has received orders for 117 aircraft this year, gaining about 75

percent of all orders for commercial aircraft.

"This year, nobody's been doing well against us," a Boeing spokesman boasted.

The proposed 150-seat A-320, which Airbus hopes to have available by 1988, is seen as Airbus' best hope against Boeing. Because of airlines' need for smaller aircraft, the market for 100-to-180-seat jets is expected to be the industry's hottest segment between now and the year 2000.

But many analysts question whether the A-320 will be a success. Its attractiveness will stem largely from its fuel efficiency, which, in turn, will be determined by its engine. But the engines expected to be offered on the A-320 — one made by a consortium led by General

Electric Co. of the United States and the other under development by a five-nation group led by United Technology Corp.'s Pratt & Whitney Division — also are expected to be offered on advanced versions of Boeing's 737 and McDonnell Douglas's MD-80, analysts note.

As a result, the A-320 may have only a small advantage in fuel efficiency. At the same time, it may be cheaper for airlines to buy advanced versions of existing Boeing and McDonnell Douglas models.

"Airbus is going to have a great deal of difficulty competing against Boeing," said Paul Nisbet, analyst with Prudential-Bache Securities.

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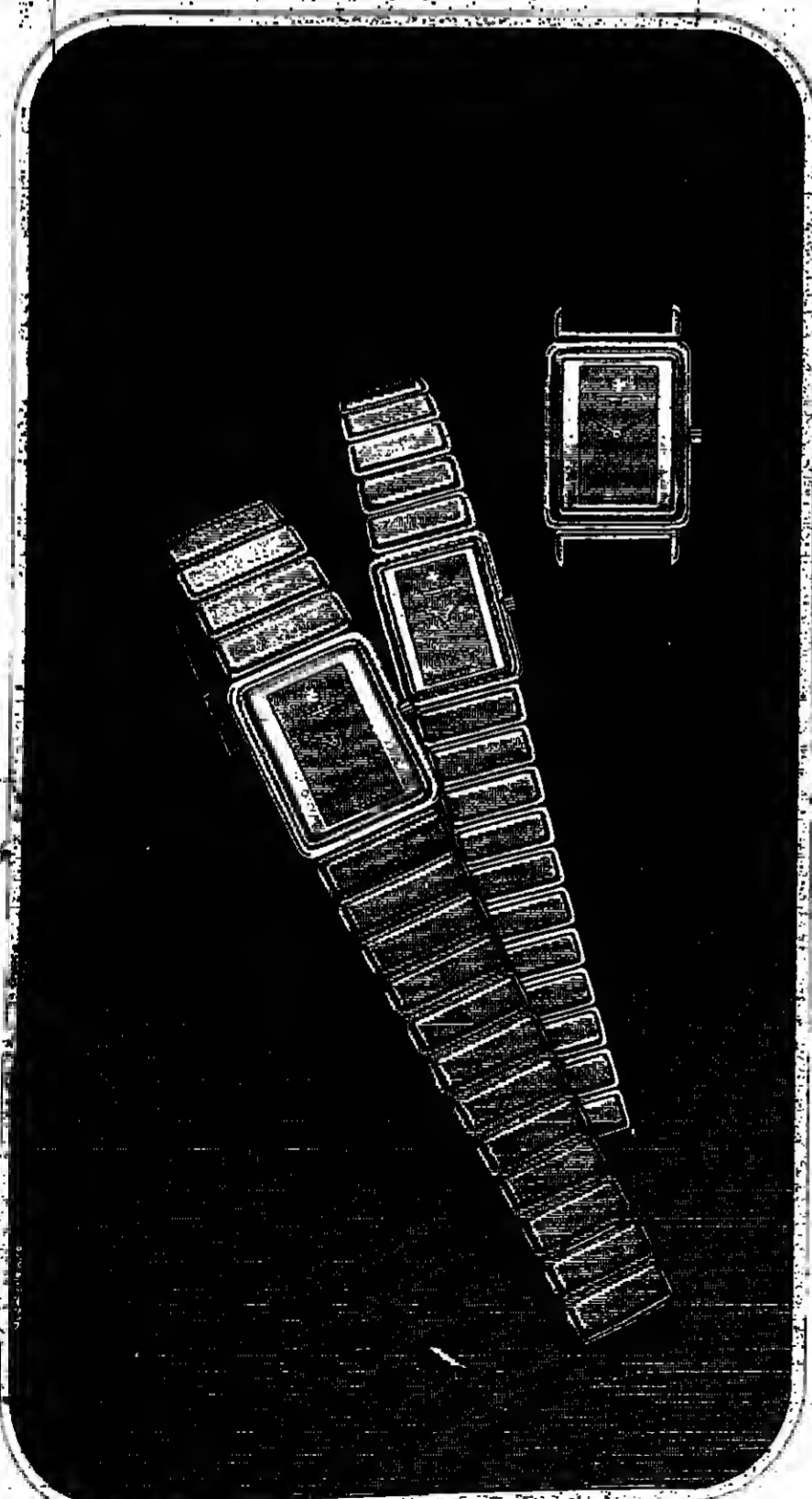
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